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Dear Mr. Urquhart:

I have to thank you for your letter in regard to Professor Slater of the University of London. It is very good of you to take so much trouble on our behalf, and let me assure you that we greatly appreciate your kindness.

We are making inquiries to find whether Mr. Clover of Cambridge would consider becoming a candidate for the chair, and expect to get word in a few weeks. If he is I rather think our Committee would regard him as a preferred candidate. He has been in Canada before and should understand our conditions better than one in middle life who had never lived here.

I do not think that there is any need of Professor Slater putting in an application for the chair, because if the way is clear we have the information that you have so kindly sent us and also the President of Magdalen, and you have both given us an indication of his views in the matter.

I am very doubtful, however, whether it would be possible for us at the present time to secure an increase in the salary for this chair. The financial pressure is very heavy, and we have even considered deferring the filling of the chair altogether until after the war. We should have preferred if possible to secure even

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a younger man than Mr. Glover, but I am afraid that the war has rendered this quite impossible.

We are at present full of anxiety even as you are, but surely we shall come through in spite of the terrible pressure that is being put upon us.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.